

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday, January 22, 2022 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:30 AM



God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

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PRELUDE: (5:00) "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" arr. J. W. Kerr
(9:30) "Beach Spring" arr. Robert J Powell

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us,
redeems us, and calls us by name.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

GREETING

P: The grace of the child born for us, and the joy of the one given to us be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**



HYMN OF PRAISE



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - migh - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that “the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please Stand)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE - “Beginning”

Rev. Brian Hooper



HYMN: ELW #843 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

APOSTLE’S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day, he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

- L:** You reveal yourself to us in the reading of scripture. Fulfill your word through the faithful witness of your church. Send us out to bring your liberating good news to all people. God of grace,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** All creation proclaims your handiwork. Teach us to love the intricate and beautiful bodies that you have created. Bless tiny insects, enormous whales, and every creature in between. Sustain species at risk of extinction. God of grace,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** You desire that there be no dissension among us. Where we are divided in our society, nation, or world, come quickly to reunite us into one body. Ease conflict, dispel violence, and bring an end to war. God of grace,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** Anoint with your Spirit all who seek your favor. Grant provision and justice for people living in poverty, people living with disability, those living with pain, or those living under oppression. God of grace,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** Lift up those who need strength during difficult times especially the residents of Tonga, following the devastating volcanic eruption, and for all areas feeling effects of the event. Grant health and stamina for nurses, doctors, emergency room, and hospital staff.
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** Build up the body of Christ in this place. Bless the variety of ministries in this congregation. Empower us to freely welcome and deeply value each person who enters into worship and ministry among us. God of grace,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** In thanksgiving we lift before you the saints for whom the promise of salvation has now been fulfilled. Tend to those who mourn. Bring us together in your everlasting glory. God of grace,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C:** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven

**hallowed be Thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;

**and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

(Thanks for sharing your gifts. Offering envelopes can still be mailed to the church, you can use the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app, or you may wish to sign up for Simply Giving to have your offering scheduled on an automatic basis. Information for both programs can be found on the Electronic Giving page at ssmelca.org)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.

C: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: **Amen**

SENDING HYMN: ELW #551 “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

DISMISSAL

L: Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Reminder: Sunday Morning Service streaming and recording continues through the postlude with the room microphone on. Conversations do get picked up by that microphone. If you would prefer that your conversation not be recorded and posted on YouTube, please refrain from speaking in the sanctuary until after the postlude.

POSTLUDE: (5:00) “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” arr. A. L. Page
(9:30) "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" arr. E. Broughton

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THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN THE WORSHIP!

Reader: (5:00) Pam Maschke

(9:30) Mary Luedtke

Ushers: (5:00): Shelly Rosenstock

(9:30): Diane Moraza, Sue Stasiewski & Bonnie Zimmermann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The SSM Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on January 30, 2022 immediately following the worship service. The budget discussion meeting is immediately after worship on Sunday (January 23rd). Both meetings will be live streamed on zoom utilizing the same link that is used for worship. If you log onto zoom for worship there is no need to log off and back in again for the meeting. The same zoom session will continue throughout worship and the meeting. You can log onto zoom for either or both at any time.

Annual Meeting Report Packets are available in the narthex if you are unable to view the packet on-line. If you want a paper copy we ask that families share one packet where possible.

There will be a **High School Youth Game Night** on Saturday, February 5th at 6:00pm. Watch for more details.

The Flower and Eternal Candle sign-up forms are now posted on the office door for 2022.

Communion will resume every Weekend beginning in February. The means of distribution will vary. More volunteers are needed to set up, serve and clean up after communion.

The St. Olaf Choir will appear at the Warner Grand Theater at Bradley Symphony Center on Saturday, February 12th as part of their 2022 tour. This a cappella choir of the St. Olaf College, a college of the ELCA, is known for its excellence in music, mathematics and the sciences. See the flyers in the narthex for more information.

| This Week at SSM | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Wednesday | 1/26 | 10:15am | Women's Bible Study | |
| | | 5:45pm | Handbell Rehearsal | |
| | | 7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal | |
| Thursday | 1/27 | 7:00pm | Confirmation | |
| Saturday | 1/29 | 5:00pm | Worship with Communion | Ushers: Patti Nelson & Herb Leppien |
| | | | | Reader: Julie Starks |
| Sunday | 1/30 | 9:30am | Worship with Communion | Ushers: Dennis Lucchesi, Doug Winter & Adam Woerpel |
| | | | | Reader: Sandy Wesolowski |
| | | | | Communion Set Up & Serve: Cathy Peterson & Denise Sanders |
| | | | Sunday School | |
| | | 10:15am | Annual Congregational Meeting | |

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 Bonnie Zimmermann, Ministry Assistant
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KEEP THESE SSM MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Suzi Angeletti, Bob Brownell, Melissa Cooper, John Drover, Mary Freiburger,
Diana Gastrau, Sue Herman, Sue Jarchow, Lynda Johnson, Carolyn Kahl, Tasha Kopplin,
Carol Kucharski, Vic & Sandy Peterson, Teri Peterson, Patrick Rafalski, Shirley Rau,
Joan Retzlaff, Carole Ropel, Dick Rutzen, Bob & JoAnn Soderstrom, Richard Sontvedt,
Kim Sussman, John Winter, the family of John Rech Sr. at his passing,
and Bonnie Court at the passing of her sister Paula Peterson

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

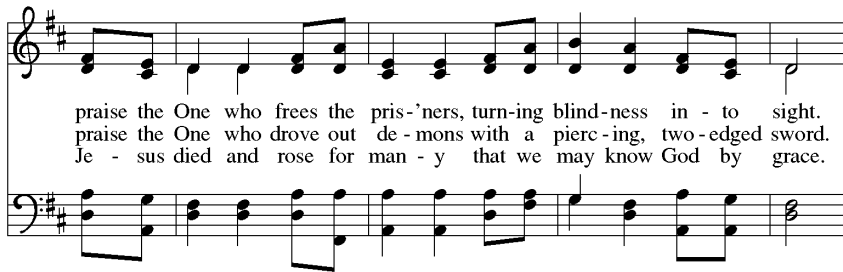
Roberta Henrichs, sister-in-law of Joan Retzlaff
Laurence Freemont, friend of SSM
Katie Stull, granddaughter of Phil &
LaVerne Morgan
Jane Janicki, sister of the Winter Family
Jerelie Caston, daughter of Joan Retzlaff
Nancy & Mike Andritsch, sister/brother-in-law
of Barbara & Dan Davies
Karen Stolz, neighbor of Julie Herman
Roger & Kathy Blanchard, cousin of Bob Lieske
Billy Waters, husband of Darlene Waters &
Stepdad of Lori Salas
Daniel Kilimann, son of Joy Kilimann
Carson Wudtke, grandson of Dan & Barb Davies
Sharon West, friend of Lynda Johnson
Ted P., brother-in-law of Gail Jakus
Jay Lessing, friend of LaVerne Morgan
Jeanne Jimenez, daughter of Shirley Rau
Cindy Molter, mother of Fred Ankebrant
Mark Molter, uncle of Fred Ankebrant
Terry Betchner, friend of Dianne Niese
Beth Klosinski, daughter of Linda Schmidt
Nikki Bruneau, friend of Kelly Sachse
James Haas, friend of Mark & Patti Winter
Rose Zovi, friend of Shelly Rosenstock
Peter Salza, friend of Doug Winter family
Dawn Salopek, sister of Karen Miller
Gloria Klinter, sister-in-law of
Shirley Lieske
Sandy, sister of Kevin Ernst
Tom Riedasch brother of Patti Winter
Mark Weber, son-in-law of Marian Walton
Hartmut Barsnick
Ethel Boardman, mother of Carol Manning

Cathy & Mark Kossow, friends of Lynda Johnson
Tippecanoe's "Larry under the bridge", friend
of the Homeless
Katie Manzeck, friend of Carol Manning
Susan White, sister of Sally Kowalewski
Jon Kowalewski, husband of Susan Kowalewski
Lauryn Ramintho, great-granddaughter of
Karen Miller
Lucy Copeland, granddaughter of Dianne Niese
Liane Guthrie, daughter of Dianne Niese
Leroy Robinson, father of Linda Schmidt
Maria Hill, friend of Lynda Johnson
Ann Scorzynski, friend of LaVerne Morgan
Kristin White, daughter of Sue Herman
Laura Sussman, mother of Kimberly Sussman
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Bonnie, friend of Kurt & Jenny Koeff
Louie Baumgartner, family member
of the Lieske's.
Barbara Goelz, friend of Kelly Sachse
Peter Misko, friend of Doug Winter family
Kathy Manders, friend of Doug Winter family
Janet Heino, great aunt of Stephanie Falksen
Paulie Long, friend of Kelly and Greg Sachse
Tom Schmidt, friend of Kelly and Greg Sachse
Tim Drover, son of John Drover
Alicia Davilla, granddaughter of Barb and Dan
Davies
Bob Guiliani, brother of Char Guiliani
Vern Koenig, father of Bonnie Daleness
Patti Schultz, daughter-in-law of Deb Perl

HYMN #843 PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS



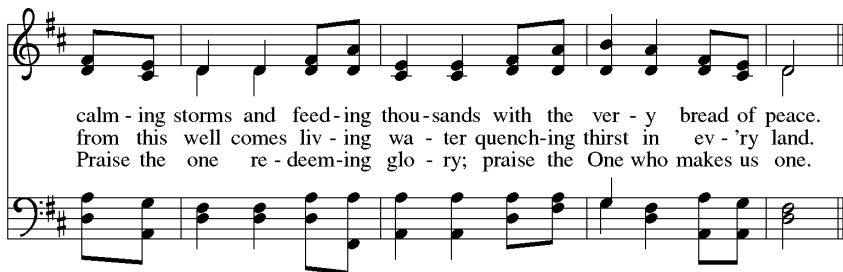
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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HYMN #551 THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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